

One Hundred Sixth Congress
of the
United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Monday,
the twenty-fourth day of January, two thousand*

An Act

To amend title 44, United States Code, to ensure preservation of the records
of the Freedmen's Bureau.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of
the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Freedmen's Bureau Records
Preservation Act of 2000".

SEC. 2. PRESERVATION OF FREEDMEN'S BUREAU RECORDS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 29 of title 44, United States Code,
is amended by adding at the end the following:

"§ 2910. Preservation of Freedmen's Bureau records

"The Archivist shall preserve the records of the Bureau of
Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, commonly referred
to as the 'Freedmen's Bureau', by using—

"(1) microfilm technology for preservation of the documents
comprising these records so that they can be maintained for
future generations; and

"(2) the results of the pilot project with the University
of Florida to create future partnerships with Howard University
and other institutions for the purposes of indexing these records
and making them more easily accessible to the public, including
historians, genealogists, and students, and for any other pur-
poses determined by the Archivist."

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the begin-
ning of chapter 29 of title 44, United States Code, is amended
by adding at the end the following new item:

"2910. Preservation of Freedmen's Bureau records."

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SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out section 2910 of title 44, United States Code (as added by section 2), a total of \$3,000,000 for fiscal years 2001 through 2005.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

*Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate.*